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24 July 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Administration)
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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] - Travel Authorization

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1. ADPC's memorandum of 3 July presents a difficult case. [REDACTED] is a small commercial enterprise and the husband involved is a staff agent of [REDACTED]. He has, therefore, all the rights and benefits of a staff employee and nothing more except for what accrues to him for purely operational purposes. A staff agent's wife is not entitled to transportation except as it may be incident to his permanent change of station or proper home leave, nor is the dependent of a staff agent entitled to provision of medical benefits or travel incident thereto at Government expense.

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2. ADPC is asking approval of round-trip air transportation costs which were paid last year. Payment of such expenses is stated to be a normal commercial practice and therefore necessary to the cover of [REDACTED]. If this is indeed a practice of the trade, an exception to which would cause comment and doubt as to the validity of the cover, we would have no objection to approval of the payment for the preservation of the commercial cover. We do feel, however, that the justification should be carefully substantiated, and under no circumstances should this be approved as a proper normal travel expenditure.

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